THE HUMBLE REPRESENTATION AND PETITION OF THE LORDS and COMMONS

Assembled in Parliament,

Concerning Romish Priests and Jesuits;

Presented to his MAJESTY by both Houses.

WITH

His Majesties SPEECH

At the reception thereof,

And His Gracious

ANSWER

THEREUNTO.

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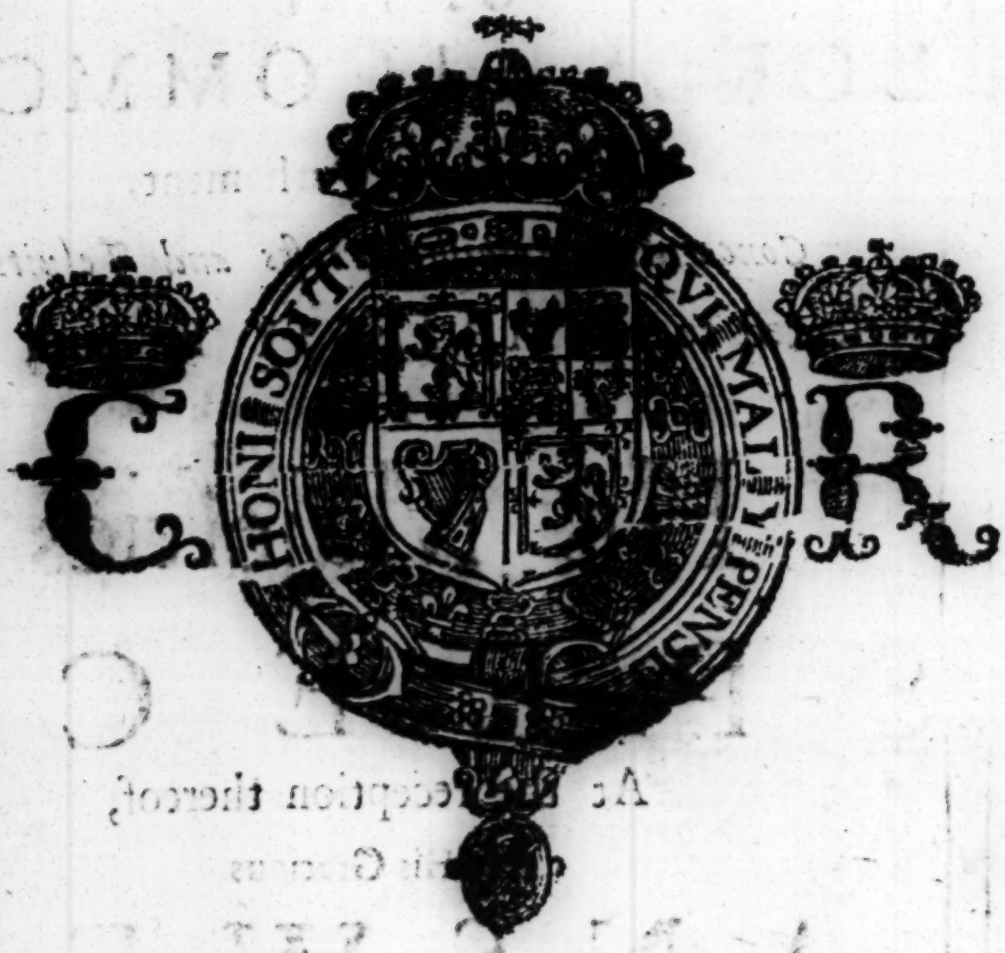
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TO THE

KINGS

MOST EXCELLENT

MAJESTY.

The humble Repreſentation and Petition of the Lords and Commons aſſembled in Parliament;

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THat notwithſtanding Your Majeſties unqueſtionable affection and zeal for the true Proteſtant Religion, manifeſted in Your conſtant Profeſſion and Practice againſt all temptations whatſoever; yet by the great reſort of Jeſuits and Romiſh Prieſts into this Kingdom, Your good Subjects generally are much affected with jealouſie and apprehenſion, that the Popiſh Religion may much increaſe in this Kingdom (which Your

Majesty hath most piously desired may be prevented) and so the Peace; both in Church and State; may be insensibly disturbed; to the great danger of both.

Your two Houses of Parliament are therefore humble Suitors to Your Majesty to issue out Your Proclamation to Command all Jesuits, and all English, Irish *and* Scottish *Popish Priests, and all such other Priests as have taken Orders from the See of* Rome, *or by authority thereof (except such forreign Jesuits or Priests as by Contract of Marriage, are to attend the Persons of either of the Queens, or by the Law of Nations to attend forreign Ambassadors) to depart this Kingdom by a day, under pain of having the Penalties of the Laws inflicted upon them.*

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At the reception of the

PETITION.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

You do not expect that I ſhould give you an anſwer preſently to your Petition; yet I will tell you, that I will ſpeedily ſend you an anſwer, which I am confident will be to your ſatisfaction: It may be the general jealouſie of the Nation hath made this Addreſs neceſſary, and indeed, I believe nothing hath contributed more to that jealouſie, then my own confidence that it was impoſſible there ſhould be any ſuch jealouſie, and the effects of that confidence: but I ſhall give you ſatisfaction, and then I am ſure you will eaſily ſatisfie and compoſe the minds of the Nation.

I confeſs (my Lords and Gentlemen) I have heard of one jealouſie, which I will never forgive the Authors of, that I had a jealouſie of your affections, that I was offended with the Parliament to that degree, that I intended to diſſolve it. They ſay, men are naturally moſt angry with thoſe reproaches which reflect upon their underſtanding, which makes them thought weak men: truly, I ſhould appear a very weak man, if I ſhould have any ſuch paſſion, any ſuch purpoſe. No, my Lords and Gentlemen, I will not part with you upon thoſe terms; never King was ſo much beholding to a Parliament, as I am to you; and if my kindneſs to you, and my confidence in you, be not proportionable, I am behind hand with you, which God willing I will not be.

Mr. Speaker, and you Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons, I am willing to take this occaſion to give you my particular thanks for your great kindneſs, in taking hold upon an eaſie intimation, rather then an invitation from me, to enter upon the conſideration of my Revenue; it was kindly done, and I ſhall never forget it: I have given order that you be fully informed of the true ſtate of it, and then I know you will do that which is good for me and you: and I pray purſue your good reſolution, in putting the Kingdom into ſuch a poſture, that we may prevent, at leaſt not fear, any deſperate Inſurrection.

His Majesties Gracious Answer to the Petition.

CHARLES *R.*

HIs Majesty having seriously considered and weighed the humble Representation and Petition of His Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, and the great affection and duty with which the same was presented to him: and after having made some Reflections upon Himself, and His own Actions, is not a little troubled, that His Lenity and Condescensions towards many of the Popish Perswasion (which were but natural effects of His Generosity and good Nature, after having lived so many years in the Dominions of Roman Catholick Princes, and out of a just memory of what many of them had done and suffered in the Service of His Royal Father of blessed memory, and of some eminent Services performed by others of them towards His Majesty Himself in the time of His greatest affliction) have been made so ill use of and so ill deserved, that the Resort of Jesuites and Priests into this Kingdom, hath been thereby increased, with which His Majesty is, and hath long been highly offended: And therefore His Majesty readily concurs with the Advice of His two Houses of Parliament, and hath given

given order for the preparing and iſſuing out ſuch a Proclamation as is deſired, with the ſame Clauſe referring to the Treaty of Marriage, as was in the Proclamation. which upon the like occaſion iſſued out by the Advice of both Houſes of Parliament in the year, 1640. And His Majeſty will take further care, that the ſame ſhall be effectual, at leaſt to a greater degree then any Proclamation of this kind hath ever been.

And His Majeſty further declares and aſſures both His Houſes of Parliament, and all His loving Subjects of all His Dominions, That as His Affection and Zeal for the Proteſtant Religion and the Church of *England* hath not been concealed, or untaken notice of in the world; ſo He is not, nor will ever be ſo ſolicitous for the ſettling His own Revenue, or providing any other Expedients for the Peace and Tranquility of the Kingdom, as for the Advancement and improvement of the Religion eſtabliſhed, and for the uſing and applying all proper and effectual Remedies to hinder the growth of Popery, both which He doth in truth look upon as the beſt Expedient to eſtabliſh the Peace and Proſperity of all His Kingdoms.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall, *this firſt day of* Aprill, 1663. *in the fifteenth year of Our Reign.*

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His Majesties DECLARATION TO All His loving SUBJECTS, *December 26. 1662.*

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